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LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—According to military correspondents, if a proclamation shortly calls up for registration further age groups to 28, Britain's army will reach a strength of at least 2,500,000.

This does not take into account the other armed forces or contributions of the Dominions, India and the Colonies.

PEACE MOVE BY VATICAN

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31 (REUTER).—ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEWSPAPER, "POLITIKEN," THE PAPAL NUNCIO IN BERLIN CALLED AT THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE SIX TIMES IN THE COURSE OF THE WEEK.

The correspondent adds that well-informed circles connect these calls with the interchange of visits between the Pope and the King of Italy.

Turkish Earthquake

New Disasters Add To Terror

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Dec. 30 (UP).—While the nation is still reeling from the effects of the earthquake in eastern Anatolia, the entire Aegean region of Asia Minor between Smyrna and Brusa is flooded by overflowing rivers.

The flood waters are pouring in torrents down the Karacay valley near Brusa, flooding 14 towns and villages.

Overflowing of the river Simav flooded Kemal Pasha and it is feared that the casualties are high although no figures are as yet available.

New trembles have disrupted relief efforts in eastern Anatolia. There are reports on the intensity of the quakes, some reports stating that another 25 to 30 villages have been destroyed in the Amasia district.

Great Britain was making a contribution of £25,000 for Turkish relief. M. Daladier has proposed that the French Parliament vote five million francs for relief.

550 Towns In Ruins

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Dec. 31 (UP).—New reports in Asia Minor are reported to be so heavy it is impossible to find bodies in the ruins.

It is confirmed that 70 per cent. of the population of Erzurum perished. Five hundred and fifty villages with a population aggregating 135,000 persons, have been damaged.

New Earthquakes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Dec. 30 (UP).—At 3 p.m. to-day communications were again cut with Erzurum as a result, it is believed, of new violent earth shocks throughout the district. A relief train carrying the Ministers of Health and of the Interior, en route to Erzurum, has been blocked half way because of debris on the line.

At 1 p.m. it was reported that 70 per cent. of the Erzurum provincial towns of Kemah, Plumar and Kigi were either dead or injured. The population of Kemah is 70,000, Plumar is 40,000 and that of Kigi 15,000.

The first casualty figures available from Ankara, covering a few stricken towns, reveal there are 700 dead in Amasia, 1,200 in Giresun and 5,000 in Tokat.

The shocks continued in Amasia on Saturday morning and violent shocks were felt in the Smyrna region on Friday.

The seismograph station here has announced that the shocks are likely to continue for six months.

Many Cities Obliterated

ANKARA, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—President Tuncel is expected to arrive in Ankara today.

GERMANY'S SPY SCARE

Dutch Frontier Is Practically Closed

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—A new spy scare in Germany is described in an article dated from Holland's eastern border, and published in the Rotterdam paper, "Maasbode."

This fear of spies, it is stated, is the reason for the marked discouragement noticeable lately of all traffic between Germany and Holland. Over Christmas, very few of those who applied to go to Germany to visit friends and relations were granted the necessary permits.

New notices saying "Caution in Conversation. The enemy is listening" have been stuck up on the German side of the border.

Constant Troop Movements

The constant movement of troops in black-out trains and the huge war traffic in Germany have caused the German authorities to give great publicity to warnings against spies and to the low against high treason.

North of the railway line from Benthelm to Osnabruck, the cutting-off of traffic is not so complete as south of the line. This is presumed to be connected with the concentration of German troops in Coesfeld, Borken, Hasfeld and Bochold.

These troops are said to be reserves for the Siegfried Line.

There is, however, another reason for discouraging traffic between Holland and Germany, the article continues. It is not designed.

German newspaper readers should learn by word of mouth from people across the border what is carefully withheld from them in their paper.

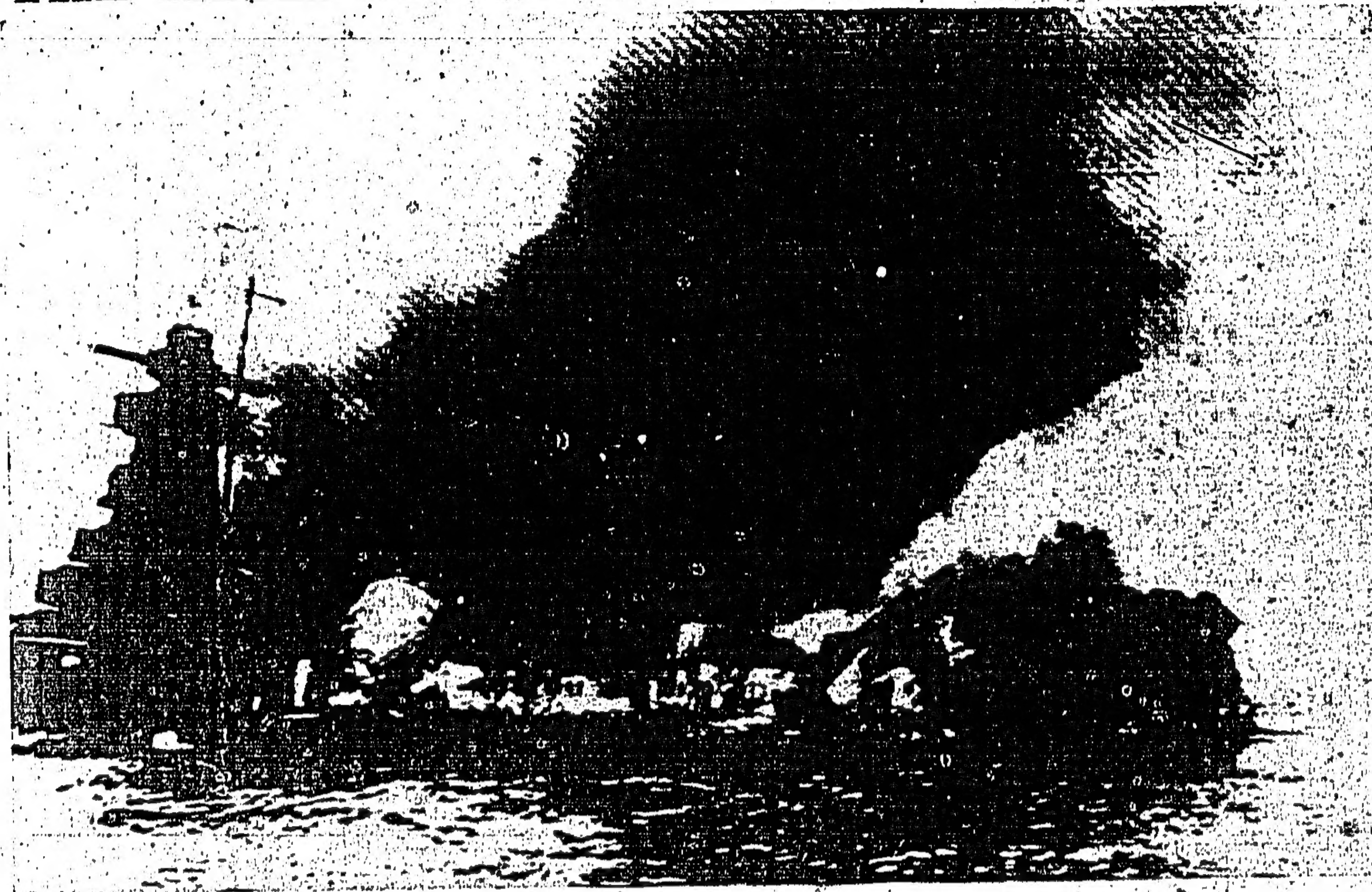
Latest Phantasies

It is added that in Germany everyone is convinced that Holland is being, as it were, starved out by the British blockade.

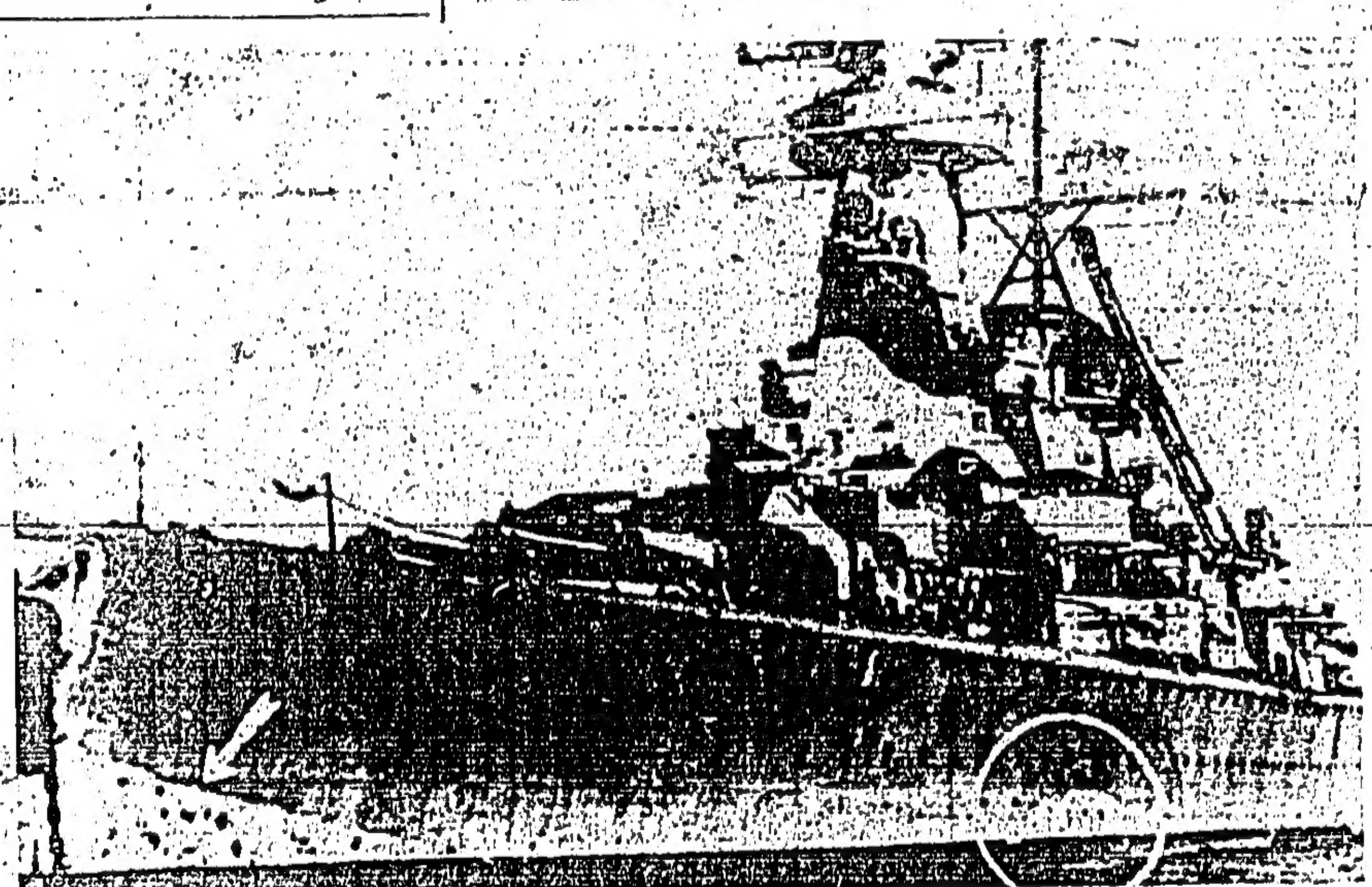
Great significance is attached to all these visits and there is a conviction that there is intense diplomatic activity proceeding

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THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE BREAKS IN TWO



THE MOST DRAMATIC PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WAR—The nerve-shattering explosion which heralded the scuttling of the Nazi pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee in the River Plate estuary. In this photograph, the 10,000-ton warship can be seen literally disintegrating under the shock of the terrific blast, which broke her in two. This photograph, like others exclusively published in this issue of the "Telegraph," was flown from Montevideo to Buenos Aires, telephotographed from there to New York, re-telephotographed from New York to San Francisco, and flown across the Pacific by Pan American Clipper. They are the first to be published in Asia.—Domei Photos.



THE STRICKEN ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE in Montevideo harbour after the 14-hour naval battle with British warships. The circle indicated the puncture in the hull amidships, probably the most fatal of the many hits sustained by the Nazi raider. The arrow points to the warship's battered bows.—Domei Photos.

NEW YORK GOES MAD

Merriest Revelries For Ten Years

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—New York had the maddest and merriest New Year celebrations for a decade.

The crowds at Times Square were so large that bus traffic was stopped.

Low temperature, however, forced the noisy crowd to keep moving.

The night clubs sold out all their liquor, and it is estimated that \$50,000,000 was spent in the city during the night.

200 In Ocean Rescue Drama

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 30 (UP).—The Spanish steamer Cabo San Antonio (12,275 tons) with 200 passengers aboard, is ashore in the Atlantic Ocean near the Canary Islands.

The Cabo San Antonio sent out S.O.S. signals. Unofficial reports state that a French steamer rescued the crew and 200 passengers from the Cabo San Antonio, 500 miles from Genoa.

A Portuguese and an English steamer participated in the rescue.

How Graf Spee Photos Came To Hongkong

REPRODUCTION in this issue of the "Telegraph" of the exclusive series of photographs of the Admiral Graf Spee drama just over a fortnight after the scuttling of the Nazi pocket-battleship is a triumph for modern methods of communication.

The photographs were flown from Montevideo to Buenos Aires by special plane. At Buenos Aires they were telephotographed by radio to New York, whence they were immediately telegraphed by land-line to San Francisco.

But for the fact that the Pan American Airways Clipper did not leave San Francisco until four days after the arrival there of the telephotos, and for the fact that the Clipper was delayed three days whilst en route to Hongkong, it would have been possible to have published these photographs in Hongkong less than a week after the last chapter in the drama in Montevideo. The fact that the "Telegraph" has not been published since Saturday also contributes to the delay.

Despite these factors, publication in Hongkong to-day represents a triumph in speed, and introduces a unique form of news agency enterprise to this Colony.

The news agency responsible for this pictorial scoop is the "Domei" News Agency. The "Telegraph," which subscribes to this service, made arrangements for an exclusive publication rights in Hongkong. These arrangements necessitated, on our part, an exchange of cables between Hongkong and Tokyo.

ENVOY DUE IN HONGKONG

SHANGHAI, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, accompanied by Lady Kerr, Mr. P. M. Broadhead (Counsellor of the Embassy), and Mr. John Alexander, Private Secretary to the Ambassador, left for Chungking this morning via Hongkong.

Lady Jordan Dead

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Lady Jordan, widow of a former British Minister to Peking.

WAR IN FINLAND

BIG RED DRIVE THOUGHT IMMINENT

By Webb Miller,

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 30 (UP).—It is reported that 40,000 hard-bitten, seasoned fighters of the Russian far eastern army arrived at the central front to-day.

The youthful veteran, General Stern, successor to Marshal Blucher, took over command of the Russian forces between Murmansk and the north shore of Lake Ladoga and has established headquarters in the area where Finland is narrowest. It is understood that General Morozkov will remain in command of the army in the Karelian Isthmus sector.

It is officially reported that the Russians, at dawn Friday, attempted a crossing of the Suontie river and were again repulsed.

Tampere, an industrial and communications centre, was raided from the air during the day, but the damage has not yet been estimated. Several smaller towns were also bombed; however, there were no air raid alarms sounded in Helsinki.

To-day's communique says the Russian artillery was most active at several points on the Karelian Isthmus, but elsewhere the day was relatively quiet and peaceful although the eastern frontier the Finns repulsed a Soviet attack in the direction of Kittla, northeast of Lake Ladoga. The Russians pushed across the frontier at Kumo in the direction of Kiekkla. Fighting on the Suontie front was raging through the day near Lake Kiantajarvi and is still continuing. Two Russian planes were shot down last Friday.

Reds Surrounded

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—One of the most sanguinary battles of the war is stated to be raging on the Salla front, where the Russians are now almost surrounded.

The last two days are claimed to be good days for the Finns. At no point did they retreat, while in at least two places they have driven the enemy back, the latest success being at Kuhmo, south-east of the Suomussalmi front.

This is the third time within a week that the Russians are forced back into their own territory. There has also been heavy fighting north of Lake Ladoga. The Russians

LATEST

SEES PEACE THIS YEAR

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Viscount Kano, the London manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, in an interview, declared that the war will have reached a turning point in favour of the Allies by Easter and that the Sino-Japanese conflict will end in a month in a magnanimous peace.

Viscount Kano declared that Germany had not the foreign investments or other resources which she possessed in 1914. He said that as Germany's resources were diverted more and more to military purposes, the sufferings of the people will increase.

The scarcity of salt, food and clothing is already felt. How can Germany, in this plight, carry on a full-dress bombardment of Britain or assault the Maginot Line?

Viscount Kano was also hopeful of better Anglo-Japanese relations and declared that Japan did not want territory by indemnity from China, but only access to raw materials and a better market for Japanese goods.

Subsidiary Coins To Be Reminted

CHUNGKING, Dec. 31 (Central).—The Ministry of Finance in a circular yesterday announced that the weight and fineness of China's copper and nickel subsidiary coins will be changed.

The Central Mint is minting a quantity of these new coins, which will be placed in circulation on January 1.

The circular also announced that a new coin, namely, a two-cent piece, will be minted and circulated. The new subsidiary coins will be 1-cent, 2-cent, 5-cent and 10-cent pieces.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected. NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA, Hongkong, 30th December, 1939.

Though the Ambassador's trip in a routine nature, considerable interest attaches to it in view of widely published reports that the Tientsin silver question will be among the subjects to be discussed with the Chinese authorities.

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Nazis Stage New Year Raid On Shetland Is. POWER-DIVE ON BRITISH WARSHIP IS BEATEN OFF

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—A communique by the Admiralty and Air Ministry states that hostile aircraft were sighted over the Shetland this morning. Two bombs were dropped but there were no hits on H.M.

ships and no casualties. Fighter patrols and anti-aircraft guns were in action. It is believed that one German aircraft was brought down.

Three Sheep Killed

That was the end of the communique, but it was stated that German plane power-dived right down to a warship and dropped bombs without result.

The warship's anti-aircraft guns directed heavy fire on the attacker which flattened out and flew off.

Three sheep were killed in the raid. A destroyer searched the area east of Shetland where a damaged bomber was seen, but found no trace of the machine.

Planes Over Holland

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that several planes of unknown nationality last night passed over the north of Friesland.

Anti-aircraft guns opened fire and the planes disappeared.

Running Battle

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Today, the first day of the new year, witnessed a resumption of German air-raids on Scotland and on Shetland where ships of the Royal Navy were the object of attack.

The first aerial combat of the new year occurred off the east coast of Scotland when R.A.F. fighters fought a running battle with German bombers.

Three R.A.F. planes engaged two Nazi bombers. The fight lasted half an hour and one of the raiders was shot down.

The Nazi aircraft was riddled with bullets and dived into the sea out of control. When the craft was missing the water one of the crew jumped out. His parachute opened but he was killed and the rest of the crew perished in the plane.

Two R.A.F. planes engaged the remaining bomber which, after being hit repeatedly, turned away and made for home.

Second Raider Brought Down

Another raid on the Shetlands by two Nazi planes proved equally unsuccessful, one of the raiders being brought down.

A joint Admiralty and Air Ministry communique says that two enemy planes dropped bombs but no hits were reported on British warships. One of the raiders perished on a warship and dropped bombs. All missed and no damage was done.

Japan-U.S.S.R. Agreement

Manchukuo To Pay Six Million Yen

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Dec. 31 (UP).—It is understood here that the Japanese Ambassador to Moscow and the Soviet Foreign Minister have reached an agreement to sign a fishery modus vivendi.

Two hours before the expiration of the Fisheries Pact the Japanese Foreign office issued a communique saying that Ambassador Togo and M. Molotov agreed to sign a modus vivendi to-day "subject to approval by the Government."

The modus vivendi will be similar in nature to the present agreement, but a new clause has been inserted promising that every effort will be made in 1940 to conclude a long term agreement.

Railway Settlement

TOKYO, Dec. 31 (UP).—An official communique to-day said Japan has "positively exercised her good offices" between the Soviet and Manchukuo over the settlement of the North Manchuria dispute and that the question has been settled whereby Manchukuo will pay approximately six million yen.

To Purchase Goods

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Under the Soviet-Japanese settlement, the Japanese Government guarantee payment of the last instalment for a railway due from Manchukuo by January 4, together with an additional sum due under the gold clause and interest at three per cent. from March 23, 1938, when the instalment fell due, to January 3, 1940.

The payment totals 7,000,000 yen, less the claims of the Manchukuo Government against the U.S.S.R., totalling 1,000,000 yen.

Two-thirds of the sum which Manchukuo will pay will be spent on purchase of goods of Japanese and Manchukuo origin provided the assortment of goods corresponds to the demand on the Soviet side and prices are normal.

The Fisheries Agreement signed in January, 1928, will remain valid until December 31, 1940.

Portugal's Budget

LISBON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—For the thirtieth year in succession, Dr. Salazar, the Premier of Portugal, has presented a balanced budget.

HOW HONGKONG SAID

Farewell

Welcome

AT THE GRIPPS

THE largest crowd in the history of the Hongkong Hotel gathered in the Gripes to welcome the new year, over a thousand people being present on the first floor. There was a one-minute "black-out" as the chimes struck twelve.

IN THE CLUBS

The K.C.C. and Craigengower Clubs were packed. Many revellers visited the clubs during "rounds," and remained to stay.

AT THE GLOUCESTER

Also packed by a large crowd of revellers. 1940 was welcomed in with Auld Lang's Syne, in which all present joined hands.

AT THE PENINSULA

Both ballrooms had to be opened to cope with the large numbers of revellers, and two bands were in attendance. The new cocktail bar proved popular.

BIG RED DRIVE THOUGHT NEAR

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were driven back several kilometres. The capital was without an air raid alarm yesterday, but several other towns were raided, 50 bombs being dropped at Hangö, where a hospital was badly damaged.

Ten persons were injured. 150,000 Reds Mass HELSINGFORS, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—With 150,000 Soviet troops reported to be concentrated, a mass offensive hourly expected against the Mannerheim Line.

The tempo of artillery fire has noticeably increased though it has not yet reached the proportion of a full scale barrage.

Isolated infantry attacks are proceeding continually but no co-ordinated action has yet started.

The Finnish northern headquarters of Rovaniemi report that there is sharp fighting near Salla, where the Finns are expected to launch a thrust against the weakening Russian lines.

North of Lake Ladoga, a Soviet force of 75,000 including large mechanised forces, is in imminent danger of finding itself stranded, as skilful Finnish patrols have cut all means of transport and communication.

The Russians there are reported to be running short of food, and it is stated that within a few days the Russians will be forced to surrender through starvation or fight their way back to their own country.

The Finns claim now to have the initiative on the whole 800-mile eastern front except in the Petsamo sector.

To-day was one of the worst air raid days since the war started. Towns throughout the south of Finland report bombings. At least 10 towns were attacked and hundreds of bombs were dropped, though details regarding damage and casualties are up to now lacking.

Reds In Flight

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—A communique says that the fighting at Suomussalmi has ended with the enemy divisions there completely dispersed. "We have captured much material," the Finns claim.

The remainder of the divisions are wandering in the wilderness, pursued in the direction of Junturanta.

The booty includes 27 guns, 11 tanks, numerous automatic weapons and a transport unit of 150 horses.

The enemy had thousands of dead. On the Salla front, the enemy attacks were repulsed, and 12 tanks were destroyed.

The attack in the Karelian Isthmus across the ice was repulsed. Six tanks were destroyed.

At Kallajavesi, we captured 51 machine guns, 50 other guns, 450 rifles and destroyed 16 tanks.

The Lake Ladoga coastal batteries took part in the fighting and destroyed, inter alia, one of the enemy's transport units.

Still Hang Fire

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—The excited race, 31 offensive against the southern end of the Mannerheim Line, still hangs fire.

Despite repeated attacks and heavy artillery bombardment, nowhere have the Finns been dislodged.

Division Wiped Out

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HELSINGFORS, Dec. 31 (UP).—It has been officially announced that

NEW YEAR HONOURS

King Decorates His Gallant Fighters

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—All branches of the British Navy were honoured by the King for deeds of courage, bravery and heroism in the war in a supplement of the "London Gazette," which contains the names of over 200 men decorated or promoted.

Most of the awards are for skill and gallantry in life-saving, mine-laying, sweeping and anti-submarine work.

Decorations to the men of the submarine Ursula, which sank a German cruiser, are also announced, and mention is made of the submarine's "courageous and skilful attack."

Convoys Rewarded

Convoys of foodstuffs and captures of German ships are also rewarded.

Over 100 names figure in the New Year list of promotions announced by the Admiralty.

Twenty Commanders are promoted to the rank of Captain, whilst 30 Lieutenant-Commanders become Commanders.

Among the new Commanders is Sir Charles Madden, son of the noted admiral and a nephew of Earl Jellicoe.

Seven promotions are announced in the Commonwealth Navy.

Naval Honours

Among the naval honours gazetted appeared the names of Rear Admiral Edward Leigh Stuart-King, Chief of Staff to the Home Fleet, who is awarded the C.B.

Captains A. R. Halfhide, G. H. Freyburg, and J. N. Tait receive the C.B.E.

Commander C. E. Hammond, Commander St. John Aldrich Micklethwait, Commander G. F. Stevensgill, Commander L. A. K. Boswell and Lieutenant-Commander Bernard Moloney are all awarded the D.S.O. for conspicuous service.

Additionally, many officers receive the O.B.E.

A long list of officers and ratings are honoured with the M.B.E., D.S.M. and D.S.C., while others are mentioned in despatches.

New Year Celebrations At K.C.C.

Carnival Dance And Children's Sports

Kowloon Cricket Club revelries occupied pride of place in the Mainland's New Year celebrations, and on Sunday the K.C.C. staged one of the most brilliant and successful New Year Eve dances in the history of the club.

At midnight, hundreds flocked to the main hall under streamers of coloured lights, watched the illuminated set piece change from 1939 to 1940 and then joined in a mighty welcome to the New Year, hundreds of fire crackers accompanying the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The club was magnificently decorated for the occasion, the club's colours—green and red—being artistically represented by streamers of electric lights, bunting and shields which dotted the walls. Adding to the colourful scene were a number of fancy costumes.

Fancy Dress Winners

The fancy dress parade was enthusiastically welcomed, the winners being: Best Dressed Ladies: 1, Miss Smith, 2, Miss Hobbs. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. Sinton, 2, Mr. R. Labrum. Most Original Ladies: 1, Mrs. Naei, 2, Mrs. Goddard. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. Naei, 2, Mr. Baldsberger.

The dance band of the 2nd Batt. The Royal Scots were in their best form and met the vociferous and repeated demands of the dancers with a succession of encores. It was not until 4 a.m. that the last tune was played.

Children's Sports

The celebrations were continued at the club yesterday afternoon when the 34th annual children's sports were held in the club grounds. Hundreds of youngsters took part in a long programme of events, and enjoyed many side-shows, while the band of the 1st Kumbon Rifles played selections and delighted the kiddies and their parents with ceremonial marching.

After the races were over Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, wife of His Honour Mr. Justice Lindsell (President of the Club) distributed the prizes. Mr. Justice Lindsell expressed the thanks of the club to the generous donors who had made it possible to provide the awards, and to the many workers who had helped to make the event such a success. He paid a special tribute to the work of Mr. E. C. Fincher as convener of the sports.

Later in the club house the draw was made for the many raffles and where the youngsters brought a happy afternoon to a finish.

Norwegian Ship Is Mined

OSLO, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—According to a message from Haugesund, the Norwegian steamer Luna, 950 tons, was mined in the North Sea.

The crew were rescued by another Norwegian cargo vessel, Colombia, and taken to Kopervik.

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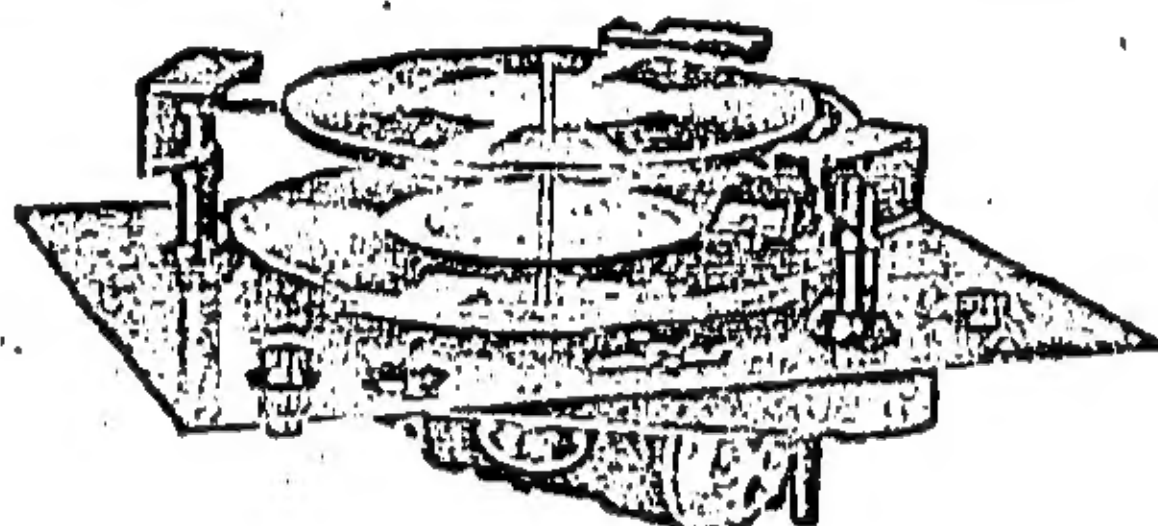
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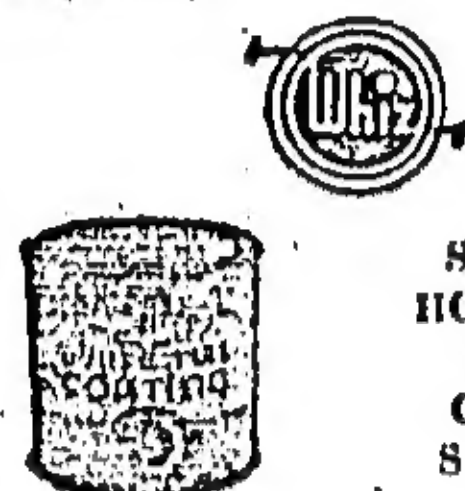
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1940

A NEW YEAR faces three major wars on two Continents, a situation that is almost unparalleled in the history of civilisation.

The entire system upon which civilisation is based has temporarily collapsed and can be revived only by the triumph of the forces which are fighting those of evil.

The twelve months ahead are certain to be critical ones, not only for the belligerent nations but for the whole world. The Asia Minor earthquake, major catastrophe of the twentieth century though it is, is an insignificant event compared with the man-made forces which threaten destruction and disaster.

The vast upheavals that are occurring to-day must inevitably be followed by the stresses of settling down—just as the Turkish earthquake will be followed by further tremors—or settling-up.

Take comfort from the thought that the world has lived through many periods of acute distress and anxiety and that all was not lost.

A new world must replace the old, whatever the outcome of the three wars now engaging the armies of fourteen countries. Perhaps for hundreds of millions of people, 1940 will be the year of the new Era.

New U.S. Secretary
To The Navy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (UP).—President Roosevelt has announced he has selected Mr. Charles S. Swanwick to be Secretary of the Navy, succeeding the late Mr. Claude

Is there such a thing
as a NEW Year?

NEW YEAR'S DAY is the one day in the year when most people do a little thinking about Time.

On that day they see themselves crossing a threshold, but it is a threshold not in Space but in Time. Perhaps they imagine their lives as a journey along a road, and every New Year as a fresh milestone. But they know they have not been travelling in Space but in Time.

When, as at this season, we look back in memory on a certain period of Time, as many of us were doing on New Year's Eve when we talked about the past year, we tend to see it as a kind of track. For most of us 1939 was a rough track, with all manner of unpleasant bumps and stumbles along it. We hope that 1940 will be a smoother one.

People nearly always discuss their whole lives in these terms. They see them as a kind of journey. And every day we talk about Time in terms of Space. Thus we say it was "long" or "short." And we go on doing this, as people have done it for thousands of years, although we have been warned by those who ought to know that Time is something quite different from Space and cannot be discussed in this fashion.

True, we have other metaphors. Thus, instead of talking about Time as if it were a road on which we travelled, often we talk as if Time itself were moving. "Time marches on," we cry.

Now this sounds fine and we all know, roughly, what is meant by it, yet if we stop to examine this statement it begins to look very queer.

How does Time march on? You and I can march from London to Richmond, because all the streets and shops and houses and telegraph posts in between stand still to let us march past them. But if Time does the marching, what is it that stands still, to serve as a stationary background, so that it can be proved that the marcher did actually move?

We sometimes refer to the "flowing stream of Time." But here, again, there is the same difficulty. We know that a stream flows because we see it moving between stationary banks. But if Time is the stream, what are its banks?

If anybody declares that this is merely quibbling about metaphors, I must passionately disagree.

In the first place, popular metaphors, especially those of immense age, are most important, because they are valuable clues to the imaginations and deepest modes of thought and feeling of whole races of men.

In the second place, I am not quibbling. Actually, I believe these common ways of referring to Time bring us nearer to the truth about it than what might be called the "official" view of Time, held by most philosophers and scientists. Let us have a look at this official view. Time, we are told, is the universal movement of everything, from the Future to the Past. The Future has not come into existence. The Past has ceased to exist. All that really exists is the Present, that which can be described as in being when we say "Now."

All that is real, then, and not something merely anticipated or remembered, is within the Now, the present moment. The next moment is still nothing, and the past moment is nothing. Between these two things is the great something we call reality, life.

One tick!—and the present moment has gone into nothing, and from out of the other nothing, the Future, has sprung a new version of the something, reality.

This does not make much sense to me, this universal movement from nothing into something back to nothing again. I shall be told, however, that this method of argument is cheating, because I am pretending to

This is an unusual article. It should not be read in a hurry, for the subject it tackles is an immense one.

But it will give something to think about to every person who has ever wondered "What is Time?"

by
J. B.
PRIESTLEY

divide into strictly separate moments something that cannot be so divided, the universal flow of Time.

But now we are back to flowing again, and this will not do. For if everything is moving at the same rate how do we know there is movement at all?

When we are sitting in a train we know when we are moving, because we see hills and fields and cows flash past the windows, and as we also know that these things do not behave in this fashion we rightly infer that it is we who are moving rapidly past them. But if everything in the total landscape moved in the same direction at the same speed we could never infer we were all on the move at all.

If, more shrewdly, you say that Time is not simple movement but Change, or our perception of it, you still cannot escape the difficulty. If everything changed together we should know nothing about Change. Undoubtedly there is something, a before-and-after movement of things, that relates

WHY the B.E.F. is the
fittest ever

It was in a spirit of friendly, but somewhat biased, interest that I toured the south of England Army training centres, paying especial attention to the P.T. (the Army love abbreviations) staffs and work.

My first introduction to the physical training staff personnel was when I met nineteen famous professional footballers, newly appointed to the rank of sergeant-instructor after an intensive month's course.

You would think that this toe-kicking, arms-bending, chest-expanding business would come as easy as a 25 bonus to these hardy exponents of professional football.

"We've never done anything like it," was their unanimous comment, as they reflectively patted muscles on thighs and back. "It's wonderful!" said a Huddersfield international with a thought, a tone of grimness qualifying the enthusiasm of the statement.

More than 250 famous games-players, they told me, were being recruited to the existing physical training staff of the British Army. Their job is to organise physical training and games.

In this sector alone 650 acres, in which are laid out 148 football grounds, thirty hockey grounds and fifty cricket pitches, are set apart for the recreation of the soldiers. "Recreation," mark you. The gymnasium, except for games of netball, is reserved for serious exercise. I did not fully appreciate, however,

the beneficial and vitalising effect of physical training until I met Sergeant-Inspector Phillips, who is attached to a unit in Berkshire. A talk with him and a short course of visual instruction left me with the conviction that I am suffering from hypostosis of the spine, "mental" round shoulders, and an urgent need for extension of my hamstring muscles.

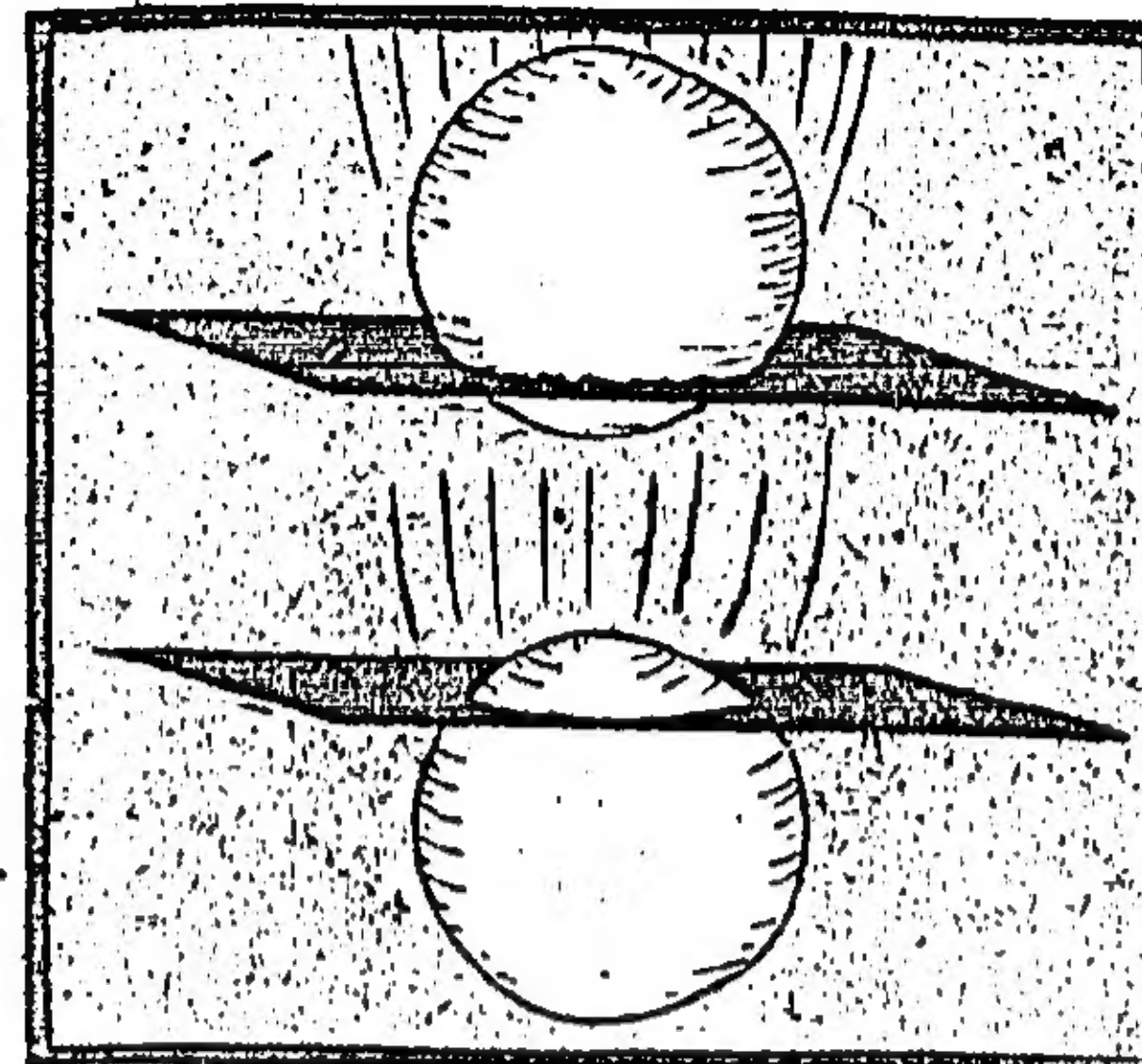
For the past year the War Office have sanctioned experiments in remedial exercises at this centre. Recruits, on joining, are subjected to twelve weeks special exercises. Incorrect carriage of the head and shoulders, curvature of the spine, weak abdominal muscles and flat feet are matters which have all been the subject of successful development.

Did you know that nine out of ten gardeners and farm labourers suffer from lateral curvature of the spine, and that curvature of the spine in some form is primarily responsible for most of the troubles which affect the foot?

What is more, the angle of the boots of soldiers standing at attention has been reduced from 45deg. to 30deg.

Why, my dear Watson, because the 45deg. posture placed unnecessary strain upon the muscles surrounding the vertebrae in the middle of the back.

One of the exercises to remedy lateral curvature of the spine is to pretend one is a baby again and go crawling about the floor on all fours. There is a certain knack in adjusting

Take this as
an example:

changes and that you can call Time. But it is certainly not single and universal.

And if the Past and Future can be shown to exist as realities, then this official view of Time is all wrong.

Now I happen to believe that the Past does so exist, but unfortunately, the argument is complicated by the fact that we possess memories, not only individual but probably racial, too. On this official view of Time, however, the Future simply cannot be in any kind of existence, has not come into being.

If anybody anywhere has seen even one minute into the Future, then the whole accepted theory comes crashing down.

And down it must come, for it is a fact that many people in many places have experienced, in some part of their minds, the Future. Put another way, we can say that what we should call the Future has suddenly become, for one part of them, the Present, or that their Now has suddenly immensely widened itself. I am not thinking about prophets or Oriental wizards, because I have never met any of them. I am thinking about us, or nearly all of us, for I am convinced that most of us occasionally make acquaintance with the Future.

We do it in dreams, as Mr. J. W. Dunne has pointed out. We do it, I believe, in odd moments during the day, when we do not happen to be concentrating all our attention on the Present.

Try to imagine yourself living in a world of two dimensions—you are only capable of recognising length and breadth, not height. Suppose into this two-dimensional world is plunged a sphere (SEE ABOVE).

As it passes through your two-dimensional universe you cannot recognise it as a sphere at all. To you it is nothing more than a line that changes its position as the sphere passes through.

Similarly, we who live in a three-dimensional world may not be able to recognise the existence of a fourth dimension. It may be there, but beyond our powers of perception and measurement. That fourth dimension may be Time.

Thus, when we suddenly know what people are going to say to us, I believe this is neither coincidence nor, as a rule, mental telepathy, but a reaching forward of part of our minds into what we call the Future, or, if you like, a sudden widening of the Now.

Lucky gamblers—and people who successfully "play hunches"—are probably more gifted than the rest of us as jumpers into the Future.

I believe that Time is not single and universal; that the accepted view of Past, Present, Future, is not true; that there are more times than one; and that in this bewildering problem of Time is the key to the major mysteries of this mysterious life of ours.

the arms and legs, and one of the instructors, after stripping to the waist, demonstrated for my benefit.

Of course, in ordinary circumstances the spectacle of a grown man tumbling his way about the gymnasium for physical training like a six-month-old child in a nursery would have had me helpless with laughter. I was, however, so impressed by the determination to look after the health and welfare of the Toms, Dicks and Harrys of the Army that the comic aspect never occurred to me.

"The basic idea of physical training in the Army is harmonious co-ordination of all the muscles," said the sergeant-instructor to me. He added that he had not had a cold or flu for ten years.

So, it seems, I may have been wrong to despise or ignore the ritual of touching toes.

It is widely recognised that the Expeditionary Force sent to France is the fittest that has ever left this country. Credit for this is largely due to the physical training staff.

"Broadly speaking, it is a soldier's business to obey orders and fire a rifle," explained a physical training sergeant. "It has been our business to pay attention to the individual soldier's physique so that he will obey orders with alacrity, handle firearms with steadiness and accuracy, and keep going."

I am told that I shall be called up for training in January, always provided there is still a war on. It occurs to me that it would not be a bad idea to anticipate events by learning to touch my toes by Christmas, without thinking overmuch why or why not one should do so.

Clive Graham



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THURSDAY AT QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

Dec. 31, 1914: Woe to those who resist us!

Dec. 31, 1939: It will be our victory!

HITLER (HANGING MORE WASHING ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE) TRUMPS THE KAISER'S ACE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, DEC. 30 (UP).—IN HIS NEW YEAR PROCLAMATION TO THE NAZI PARTY TO-DAY HITLER BITTERLY ATTACKED THE JEWS, DECLARING THAT "JEWISH REACTIONARY WARMONGERS IN CAPITALISTIC COUNTRIES WANT WAR."

"And they shall have it!" he asserted.

Regarding the progress of the war he said, "May, 1940, will bring a decision. Whatever happens it will be our victory."

"Germany and Europe must be freed from the ravishment and endless threats which have their origins in England to-day as they have in the past," he declared.

NAZI PRESS

SEE WAR INTENSIFIED IN SPRING

Invasion Through Netherlands?

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—At New Year's eve, newspapers in Germany all re-echo Hitler's message to the Nazi Party, declaring that 1940 will be a year of decisions.

All claim that Germany can achieve her aims, though they admit that the task will not be easy.

Talk of peace preceded in the background and all speeches and articles emphasize that a decision can only be attained by arms.

According to neutral sources, bitter discussions are proceeding behind the scenes in the Nazi War Council as to how to attain a decisive result. Four generals are said to be in favour of an invasion of Holland in the spring.

Drive on Calais?

If such an invasion is successful, it is surmised that Flushing would be seized and an attempt perhaps made to drive down the coast to Calais.

Britain Yawns As Nazis Trot Out Old Threats

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—An authoritative statement issued in London observes that Hitler's New Year proclamation follows the well-worn lines of German argument.

In a perpetual search for new hatred with which to infect the German people, Hitler seems for the time being to have returned to the British Empire and the Jews.

Old excuses for Germany's wanton aggression against neighbours must be sounding a trifle thin, it is declared.

Such arguments are already answered by the principal Allied statesmen.

The statement adds that it suffices to repeat that the cause for which the British Empire and France have taken arms has been achieved, they are determined to continue the fight, and recent events have borne impressive testimony to the preparations they are making for an effective prosecution of the war which has been forced upon them.

Tribute To The R.A.F.

Supremacy On All Fronts

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—A tribute to Britain's air supremacy on the western and other fronts is paid by General Vuillemin, the French Air Chief, in his New Year message of greeting from the French to the British Air Force, telephoned "Reuter's" special correspondent with the R.A.F.

After expressing the best wishes of "our comrades," General Vuillemin declares that the audacity and mastery in the air which they constantly display at the expense of the enemy makes them worthy inheritors of the noblest traditions of British aviation.

"Thanks to the courage and brotherly confidence which unites our two forces, I am very sure that we can regard the future with confidence that our just cause will prevail."

New Subsidiary Coins

CHUNGKING, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Finance announces that as from to-day the Government will release new subsidiary coins for circulation.

These will be five and ten cents, and will be different from the old coins.

The Fuehrer derided the Allies for not attacking the Western Wall.

In his proclamation to the German armed forces he paid tribute to their "traditional skill and courage."

"Before us lies the hardest battle for the defence of the German people. With such soldiers Germany must emerge victorious," he told the troops.

Hitler's annual reception for the diplomatic corps was suspended this year and has been replaced by a Victory Bank which diplomatic officials will sign at the Chancellery.

Fame of German Troops

BERLIN, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—In addition to his message to the armed forces, Hitler sent a long message to the Nazi Party in which he said that the first phase of the conflict had shown two things:

1.—That the enemy does not even dare to attack the German West wall.

2.—Everywhere, where the German soldier has been able to come to grips with the foe, "the fame of German troops and the reputation of our arms have been justified anew."

to drive down the coast to Calais. The opponents of the scheme say that it is counsel of despair, and that such a risk must only be taken if the war is regarded as otherwise inevitably lost.

Meanwhile, Soviet activities are being closely watched in Germany. Many Germans doubt whether Hitler will attempt a decisive step until the battle situation is clarified.

THE CHURCH

Archbishop's Message

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The Archbishop of Canterbury, broadcasting, said that it was vital that we should be held up in the war by an invincible faith in the righteousness of our cause.

He warned against an "unrestricted competition in atrocities with the enemy," and said that as time goes on and just indignation rises against some of the enemy's methods, there will be angry demands to pay them back in their own coin. Some reprisals there must be, but there will be limits below which we must not go.

The ideals for which we went to war must not be forgotten in the peace.

The Primate recalled that when Abraham Lincoln was asked: "Do you think God is on our side?" he replied: "I don't know, but what matters is that we should be on the side of God."

Can we doubt that whatever our shortcomings and sins as a nation, in contending for the eternal and absolute verities of right and wrong, we are acting in accordance with the will of God?

Graf Spee's Victor To Visit Uruguay

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—H.M. S. Ajax, wearing the flag of Rear-Admiral Harwood, will shortly pay a courtesy visit to Montevideo if consent of the Uruguayan Government is forthcoming.

The statement that the Ajax is visiting Montevideo in order to repair damage suffered in the action with the Graf Spee is devoid of truth, according to an authoritative announcement in London.

Hungary Goes Hungry

BUDAPEST, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—No meat, either fresh or tinned, will be available on Mondays or Fridays at butchers' shops or restaurants in Hungary under an official order issued to-day.

THAT FAT MAN

GOERING'S PROCLAMATION TO PEOPLE

Gab-Feast Of Assurances

BERLIN, Dec. 30 (UP).—In his capacity of Premier and Field-Marshal, Hermann Goering to-day made a proclamation to the German people.

"Go into 1940 confident, full of hope and conscious of victory," he said.

"There are huge and difficult tasks ahead. In the indestructible confidence of our own strength we will meet them and overcome all resistance."

"The Fuehrer will command and we will follow."

In his Orders of the Day to the German Air Force, Field-Marshal Goering said: "The Air Force stands on the threshold of the New Year with their confidence as steady as a rock."

"The motto of the German air weapon in 1940 will be 'Victory!'"

In his Order of the Day to the German Army General Brauchitsch, the Commander-in-Chief, said that their spirit and strength "will give us a certain and final victory."

The Navy, Too

Admiral Raeder in his order of the day to the Navy said "You have shown you are able to locate and hit the enemy. Also in the coming year you must do your duty, loyal to their great traditions, with confidence in God, unshakable obedience to their leader and belief in victory."

FRANCE

BROADCAST TO WOMEN

Mrs. Chamberlain's Stirring Message

PARIS, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—A New Year's message from Mrs. Chamberlain in French to the women of France, which had been previously recorded, was broadcast to-day from Paris.

After recalling her own visits to France, she said: "I am convinced that the feelings of friendship which already bind us together have gained new depth and new force by the sacrifices which both have been called upon to make on behalf of the cause which is in effect that of all humanity."

"For some amongst you, as for the women of Britain, this new year will be darkened by mourning for those who have made the supreme sacrifice. To those I would say that their loss is not, and will not, be in vain. They will and have helped to secure the future for our children."

Mr. Chamberlain added that women, whether in their own homes or billeted homes of others, whether attending to their own families or working in the land or factories, were playing an essential part in national defence, and making a contribution to the final victory.

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Advance Guards

After stating that the Prime Minister, following his recent visit to France, had told her of the kind-

BILL SAID IT FIRST

On New Year's Eve, 1914, the Kaiser issued this message to his army:

"Remember you are the chosen people. The Spirit of the Lord has descended on me because I am the German Emperor."

"I am the instrument of the Most High. I am His sword, His representative."

"Woe and death to those who resist my will! Woe and death to those who do not believe in my mission! Woe and death to cowards!"

"Perish all enemies of the German people. God requires their destruction. God who, through my mouth, commands you to execute my will."

NEW YEAR MESSAGES

THE CZECHS

1940 WILL SEE VICTORY FOR CAUSE

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Confidence that 1940 will bring liberation to the suffering peoples of Central Europe is expressed by Dr. Eduard Benes, President of the Czechoslovak National Committee, in a New Year message.

It adds: "The year will see a decisive victory for the Allies."

"The Nazi leaders see already that they have definitely lost unless they can secure a compromise settlement. Therefore they will during the next month try desperately to save most of their rage of Poland and Czechoslovakia by proposing a different, unacceptable and politically impossible peace with the object of preserving their regime for the time being to enable them later to begin once more their immoral and barbarian policy aiming at the domination of Europe."

Dr. Benes further declares that the moral strength and spirit of resistance of the Czechoslovak nation are greatly strengthened by the recognition of the Czechoslovak National Committee by France and Britain.

PARIS, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—Both Houses of Parliament early this morning passed the entire civil budget.

—AND IN CHINA

Thousand Days Of War Finds Country United

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Dec. 31 (UP).—Dr. H. H. Kung, in his New Year message, reiterated that the Government was seeking to build a wartime financial policy on a sound and stable basis for the dual purpose of meeting the war demands and laying the foundation for a more extensive post-war financial project.

Dr. Kung said, "Despite two and a half years of hostilities resulting in immensely greater national expenditures, China's financial structure remains unaffected."

"The people's tax burdens have not been increased and the bond issue has not reached an excess of the legal limit. For legal tender backing is not shattered."

"All of which is not only a surprise to the enemy but also above the expectations of friendly nations."

"The success with which China has been able to make these achievements is attributable to six reasons:

Firstly, the sound financial basis laid prior to hostilities;

"Secondly, the appropriate measures taken during the war;

"Thirdly, the bumper harvests in the rural areas which China's economic foundation rests;

Fourthly, the capital in urban regions is prominently concentrated and effectively disposed;

Fifthly, the large amounts of monetary contributions remitted home from Chinese living abroad; and,

Sixthly, the assistance from friendly nations."

End-Of Year Stock Markets

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—Stocks fluctuated narrowly and irregularly but ended in the morning with fractional gains.

Some tax-selling and year-end liquidation was noticed but offerings were well absorbed.

As regards investment, a demand again appeared.

Meanwhile, business news continues cheerful and the consensus of opinion is that higher markets will be seen in 1940.

ness of the French people towards British troops and declaring that those troops were only the advance guard of the great army of Britain now assembling.

"I would like to give you a message of hope for the future. War has always meant for women hardship and suffering, but we can look forward with confidence to the triumph of our cause, and in the day which victory is ours and we have won through to an enduring peace, it will be our common aim to work together for the happiness and well-being of mankind. The certainty of the justice of our cause gives everyone of us, British and French, that spiritual faith which sustains us."

AUSTRALIA

WAR GUILT OF NAZIS IS STRESSED

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. John Curtin, leader of the Australian Labour Party, broadcasting to-day, emphatically placed the war guilt upon Germany.

He said that Germany forcibly marched into Poland and thereby set the world afire.

The German Government knew that Britain had pledged help to Poland in the event of attack.

Therefore Germany knew that every shot fired on Polish soil meant shots at Britain and France.

Mr. Curtin appealed to the men and women throughout the world for a change of spirit at the beginning of the New Year.

He asked: "Can Germany, having regard for the larger claims of civilisation, say that the time has come to withdraw her armed forces from Poland? And cannot Russia do the same thing in Poland and Finland, and then request the Powers to take counsel in a conference, not between conquerors and conquered, but between equals?"

In conclusion, Mr. Curtin emphasised that Australian Labour Party stood for a safe world and would always resist war-makers and aggressors. Its opposition to them would be unwavering to the end, until victory was won.

SOUTH AFRICA

MUST NOT BUILD HOPE ON MIRACLES

PRETORIA, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—General Jan Smuts, the South African Premier, broadcasting a New Year message, said that the war after four months had been full of surprises.

Hitherto, no great battle had been fought on land, sea or air.

"Who knows whether 1940 may not witness some unexpected turning of the corner of some faithful peace efforts backed by the heavens' high blessing?"

"The age of miracles is never past although it would be unwise to build hopes on miracles," he said.

General Smuts remarked that South Africa hitherto had hardly felt the effects of the war, and the affairs in the Union have continued to be "curiously normal," including party and political strife.

He added that the question was no longer whether they were rightly or wrongly at war since that issue had been decided and closed, and every patriotic South African, whatever his politics, could now only put the interests of his country first in thoughts and action.

"Right nobly has the young manhood of South Africa risen to its duty. South Africa is in danger. Who can any longer doubt?" the general asked.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

FREE FORESTERS DEFEAT HONGKONG C.C.

Club Collapse In Second Innings: Fine Display Of Hitting

THE WEATHER over the holidays has been as perfect as any I remember for over a quarter of a century. Once more beautiful sunshine smiled upon the first day of the Club v. Free Foresters match, a game that was making local cricket history, as I believe no well known home club has ever fielded an eleven in Hongkong.

The Foresters batted first. Grose and Perry came in to face Lloyd, at the Yard end, and T. A. Pearce. Lloyd bowled with a forward and a backward short leg, a long on, a deep square and fine legs, with one slip only. The first over was a maiden but Lloyd would have caught and bowled Grose but for the fact he was on the wrong foot.

Pearce bowled over the wicket minutes, with Skipwith scoring much and four runs came. The first four of the match came in Lloyd's second over when Grose put him behind square leg for four, and then in front of the same fielder for three. Grose got a full toss from Pearce next over which he smacked through the covers after which Pearce bowled round the wicket.

He was a bit off his length, however, and Perry took a three to third man. He was lucky to edge Lloyd clear of slip for a couple next over. Both Grose and Perry had fours on the off from over pitched balls from Pearce who had gone back over the wicket. The former batsman was in great form and though Lloyd made him play at most of them, anything loose went for four, and all along the ground too. He bonked Lloyd for three fours to leg in one over, and I can't help thinking an off attack would have been better.

CHANGE OF BOWLING

JOHN Pearce relieved his brother and Grose lifted one dangerously near square leg for a single.

The fifty went up in 32 minutes and then Pearce, whose length varied amazingly, took a red-hot return from Grose 51-36.

It was a beautiful knock, and I get the impression that the batsman got himself out through impatience. Next over Perry might have been caught at deep square leg, but it was a pig of a chance and went for four "yorking" the fieldman completely.

BIFF!

SKIPWITH and Perry then proceeded to take tea with some very demoralized bowling, and boundaries jostled each other. Alce Pearce went on at the Yard end and Carey relieved John Pearce.

The hundred went up in 55

One bit of his had an argument with a passing taxi and I hope he has remembered to report the accident to the traffic Department. He completed his fifty in 28 minutes, having then hit nine fours and a six.

Perry had developed a sudden craze for singles, hitting eight running. When he had got 44, however, he hit a hot drive to mid-off a bit wide and Bonquet got a hand to it and nearly held it—Lloyd slipped but up and he had it at the third attempt 41-2-44.

The second wicket had put on ninety in 48 minutes. Perry's was an excellent knock and though not so fast as the other two in scoring he got his runs in 71 minutes—the time taken to score 141 runs all round.

ROBB GOES ON

ROBB went on at the Law Courts end, to which I fancy he is not used. Both batsmen treated his first over with respect, and all round the rate of scoring slowed down appreciably.

Still, thanks to a six to square leg by Skipwith off Robb the third fifty was scored in 28 minutes. But the batsmen seemed in difficulties, and when he had made 70 Skipwith was completely beaten and bowled by a beauty from Robb. 155-3-70.

He scored his runs in 58 minutes. Weeden came in but after a ball or two he was completely mistimed Pearce and was caught and bowled. 158-4-0.

FOURS RETURN

HOWEVER, Godby and Teversham began to get going and four became fairly frequent. At 187 Lloyd relieved Alex Pearce, whose brother had gone on for Robb the over before.

The first byes of the match sent up

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COMBINED SERVICES DRAW WITH REST

Excellent Match In Aid Of Charity: Both Goal-Keeper's Shine

(By "Rox")

PLAYING before an enormous crowd at Causeway Bay yesterday, the Rest of the Colony managed to hold the United Services to a draw of two goals all, the equaliser for the Rest coming from a penalty. The score was a fair enough indication of the run of play, both sides giving an excellent if sometimes faulty display.

The predominant feature of the match was the excellent goal-keeping of both sides. Robinson seemed not to have quite recovered his awe of Lee Wai-long. There were flashes of his old form. Cheung on the other end pulled off some equally spectacular saves.

There was just a glimpse of the old "A.V." during one period of the game, when he weaved his way through the Services' defence to provide one of the most thrilling moments of the whole match, his parting pile driver Robinson did well to clear.

Robinson opened up shaky, and seemed rather uncertain of himself with the first few shots with which Fowler tested him. With any luck on the latter's part they might have spent a different score for the Services. He pulled himself together, however, as the game progressed.

Hills and Henty gave a superb display, and as a pair did very well to prevent Lee and Company from doing just as they pleased. Hills was the better of the pair, giving a faultless display of the game, and did much to cramp Gosano's play, forcing the latter to play to his right.

TOP OF FORM

FRESHWATER, Layhe and Wilkinson were at the top of their form, and they shared the honours of the day. Layhe gave little rope to Lee, and smothered practically all his efforts to score. Freshwater dealt with Gosano very nicely. Although he did not come out best as often as he wished, his fast recovery did much to disconcert the latter. Wilkinson did not have to exert himself in dealing with Cheuk, his anticipation of the Rest's inside right being on occasions almost uncanny.

Hossack played one of his best representative games to date, and was given excellent support by Saw and Thoburn, the former being slightly the better of the two feeders. Phippen was seen to more advantage than was Duffield. He was piled with passes from Thoburn, and his bursts of speed was in keeping with Hossack's well-up, centre-forward game, with the result that most of the Services' attacks came from this quarter. Duffield did well with all that he was given.

Cheung in goal for the Rest was his usual calm and collected self. The few difficult shots by Saw and Hossack he dealt with in a master's way.

DEFEAT AVERTED

BLACKBURN and Hau Yung-sang gave a magnificent account of

HOW TEAMS FARED

Charity Match

Combined Services 2 Rest of Colony 2

Senior Shield

Kwong Wah 2 S. China "A" 5

S. China "B" 2 Kowloon 1

Royal Scots 3 Club 3

Junior Shield

Police 3 S. China "B" 1

24th R.A. 2 Kowloon 2

8th R.A. 4 R.A.F. 1

30th R.A. 8 Club 1

International 1 R.A.M.C. 2

Signals 1 Engineers 2

Electric 0 S. China "A" 8

Eastern 4 Kwong Wah 3

Third Division

Kumhoons 1 Royal Scots 2

THE SCORE BOARD

FREE FORESTERS FIRST INNINGS

Capt. D.C.E. Grose (R.E.), c

and b J.L.C. Pearce 36

A.E. Perry, c Bonquet b T.A.

Pearce 44

P.T. Skipwith (R.A.), b Robb

67

Capt. C.E. Godby (R.A.), b

J.L.C. Pearce 0

Capt. M.H.A. Weeden (Mid.), c

and b T.A. Pearce 0

Col. M.S. Teversham (Rif.),

Rifles, b Lloyd 19

Major W. Harvey (R.A.M.C.), b

Lloyd 8

D. McLellan, st Fortescue b

Lloyd 25

Major H.A.J. Petri (East Sur-

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Major H.W.M. Stewart (Mid.),

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soccer Postponements

Sir,—Sometime ago one of your

correspondents suggested that post-

poned games in the football League

should be played off within a certain

time, he suggested Wednesdays.

Accumulations are really a problem.

Why don't the Association take his

advice, and make a new rule regard-

ing the clearing of postponed games?

Since the Shield is contested in the

winter, he also suggested to select

the first eight teams in the First and

Second Divisions as contestants in

the Senior and the Junior Shields;

by this way not only would the

League games become more exciting,

but the saving of primary rounds

such as those of yesterday would be

effected.

Let us have more convenient fixtures.

F. H. Chow.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS AT K.C.C.

THE KOWLOON C.C. held their

Annual Children's Sports on the Club

ground at 3 p.m. yesterday. Various

events such as football, basketball,

and other games provided a very

entertaining afternoon's programme

for some 300 enthusiastic children.

At the conclusion of the races,

prizes were given away by Mrs. T. E.

Lindsell, wife of the President of the

Club. The young Miss Margaret

Finch presented Mrs. Lindsell with

a bouquet of flowers.

The Club then held a dance, while

further games were played by the

youngsters.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL SCORES

The following were the scores in

softball matches played over the

week-end:

Wahooks 19, Cubs 15.

Wildcats 15, Cardinals 14.

Canucks 11, Ballgirls 3.

Hamblerettes 9, Panthers 5.

Reveries 11, H.K. Baseballers 6.

Mindano 28, Machine Gunners 2.

Ball Club 4, Chung Hwa 3.

Cables 10, China Provident 4.

H.K. Electric 1, Union Insurance 4.

League Table

Canucks 5, W 1, 533

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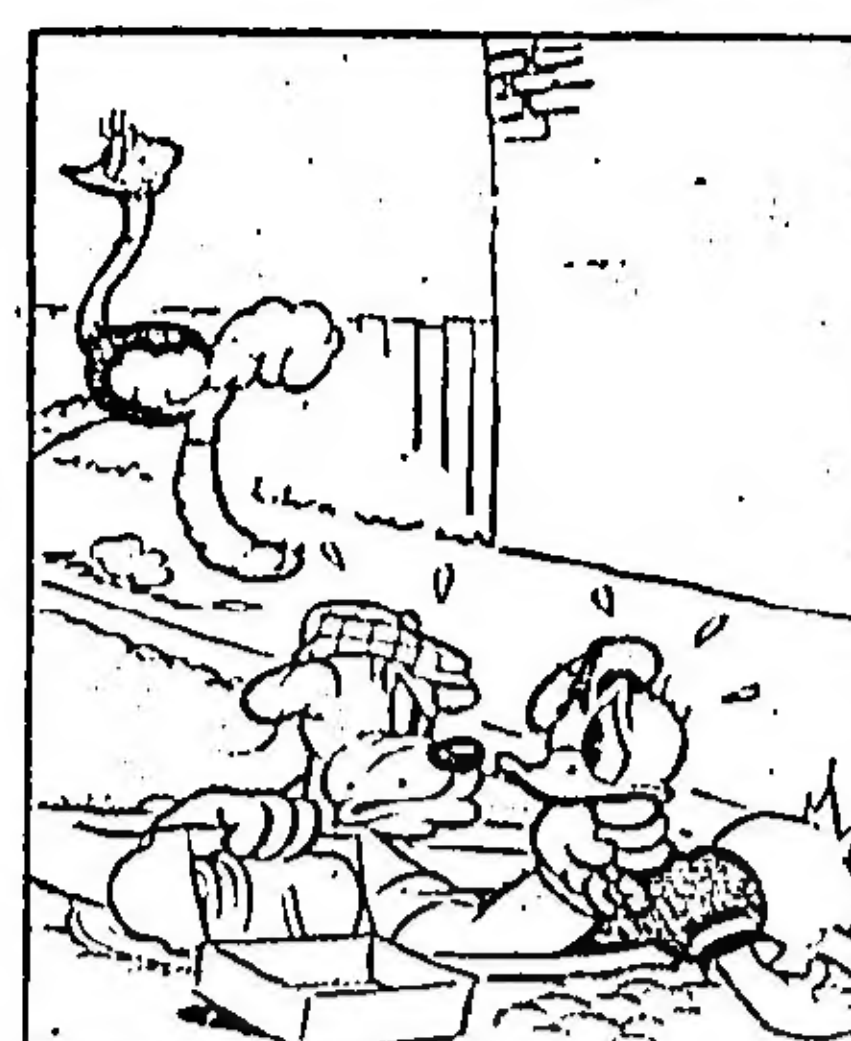
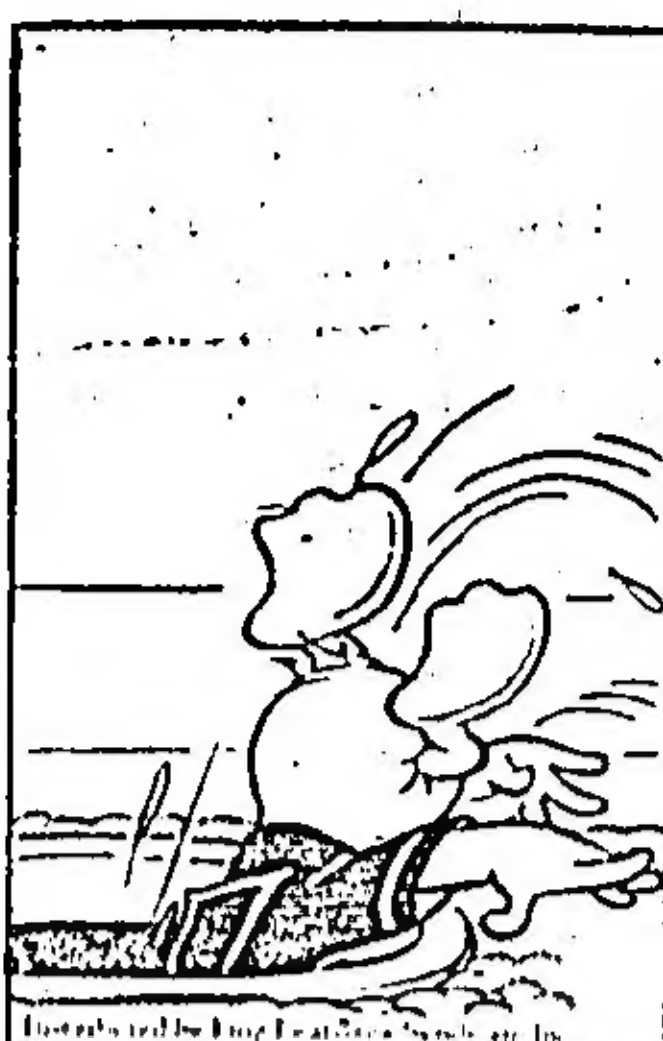
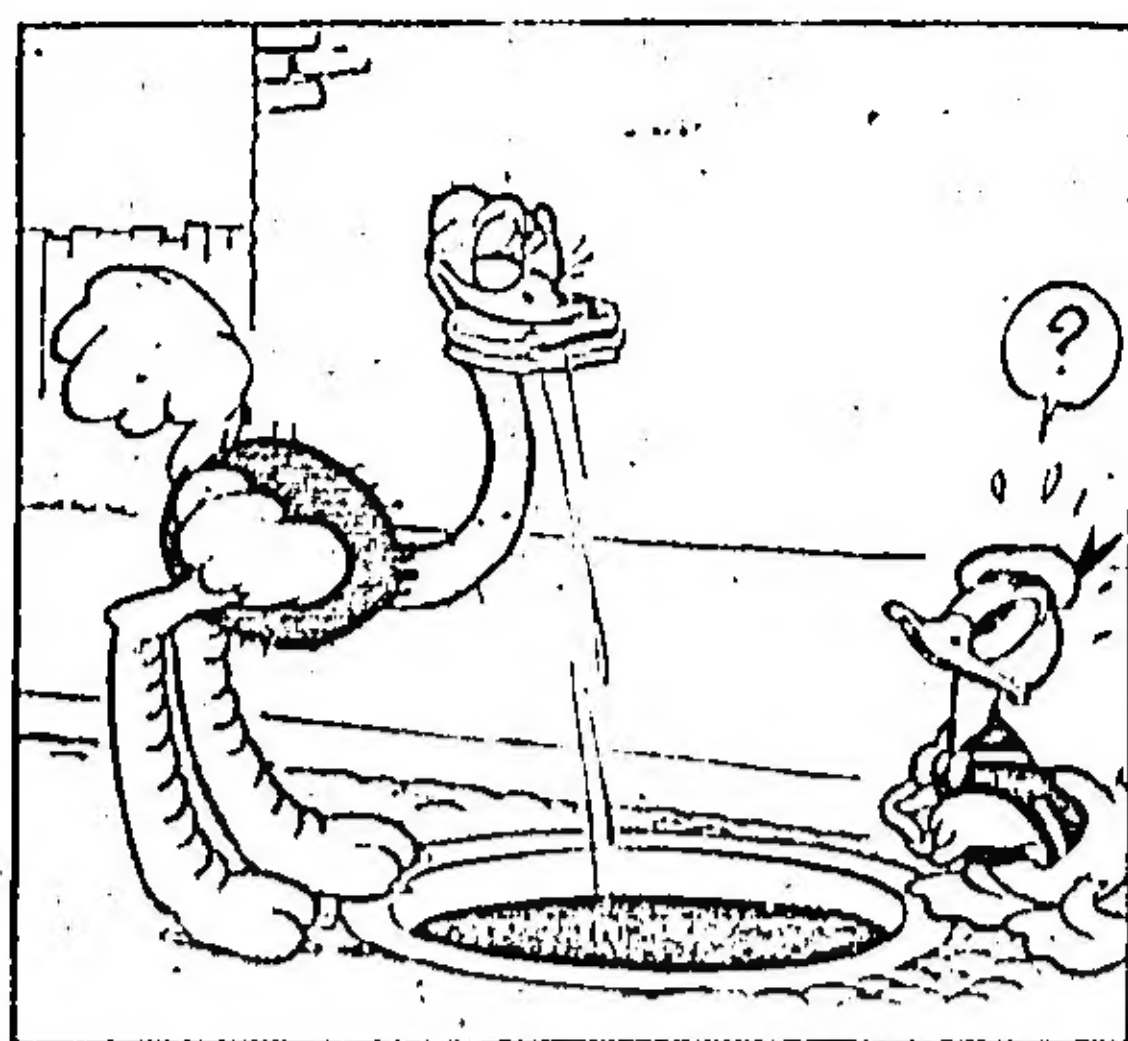
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MAKE A NOTE OF IT

When you bake potatoes in the oven, scrub them clean, then brush with olive oil. It makes the skins crisp and delicious.

Try your Brussels sprouts raw for change. Choose only the crispest ones, wash them finely, after soaking, add an equal quantity of finely chopped celery, and if you like, a few chopped walnuts. Mix all together, sprinkle with castor sugar, add salt and pepper to taste, and a light oil and vinegar dressing or a creamy dressing as you prefer. If you like salads you will like this one.

Some kinds of old potatoes fail to keep even with the most careful oiling. Steam them and they will keep their shape. And if you have a steamer, a steamer is an adequate substitute for this purpose. Cover it with a saucapan lid that allows a free passage of steam round the potatoes.

To test the heat of fat, drop in a piece of bread. If it foams it is ready to cook in.

Here's an article for your husband to read

MAN about the house—

JOHN BETJEMAN warns women about the risks of the carpenter's chest, and gives a word of advice to men with time on their hands.

WOMEN have work-baskets and cookery and domestic jobs to keep them quiet. When a man is at home and it is too dark or wet to work in the garden or there is nothing to do there, he gets restive. He starts to look for trouble.

"That chair arm is broken. Haven't we got any glue?" "No, of course we haven't," would paste do instead? "No, of course it wouldn't." "The lock needs screwing to the door. Where's the screwdriver? I can't use this, it's a chisel."

And then the devoted wife, rather than have the rows all over again, buys him a nice tool chest full of nice carpenter's tools for a birthday present.

Women should not buy carpenter's tools; it is a disastrous error for men as when they buy them. And some "chests of carpenter's tools" are very often found to contain only half the things you want and even more that you don't.



THE best way to do useful jobs in the house is to have adequate tools and material to do them. Hardly any houses have. Houses are full of things that have been used once and chucked away. But invaluable adjuncts like hammers, chisels, screwdrivers, files, gimlets, and different kinds of saws or the right sort of nail and screw are nowhere to be found.

To buy such things all at once is expensive and not always successful. Tool collecting is a gradual and exciting process, like book collecting, stamp collecting or any other of the manias. Ironmongers shops are as fascinating to some of us as the cinema to the gambler.

I have arranged here a list of the essentials for the man who wants to do a little useful carpentry at home. The list is alphabetical. Items numbered are in the drawing.

1. BRACE with "chuck" jaws which will hold bits of various sizes water and heat the whole pot gradually without special fitting. It is alluring the glue from time to time according to shape and type.

2. BRADAWL for making holes for screws in soft wood. A bradawl again as a chisel of the same width.

may be used for turning very small screws.

3. CASE-OPENER—Invaluable. How many heads have come off hammers and turn-screws and chisels been broken for lack of this instrument?

4. CHISELS for ordinary use are called "firmer chisels". 1-inch or 2-inch are the most convenient sizes.

COMPASSES.

5. FILES. The half-round taper bastard-cut about 8 inches long is the most useful.

6. GIMLET. Get the twist pattern. French clout and gimps nails are circular or with parallel shanks. They will not split the wood easily, but they are not so secure.

7. GLUE. You cannot make glue without a gluepot. Glue is bought by the lb. It should be broken into little bits and put into the inner pot of the gluepot, covered with cold water, and left to soak overnight.

8. GAUGE. Is really a concave chisel, and costs about half as much again as a chisel of the same width.



The smoothing plane is used after the jack plane has done the rough work.

8. PINNERS. Tower pattern or Lancashire pattern.

9. PLIERS. There are all sorts, the most generally useful heavy combination pliers and gas pliers.

PUTTY KNIFE. "Clipped pointed."

SANDPAPER or GLASS PAPER.

SAWS. Get a "general purpose saw." A long handsaw of, say, 20ins. but is well worth having. A saw cuts with its own weight and should never be forced. Rule a line where you want to cut.

A narrow saw is called a keyhole saw.

A tenon saw, with a stiff back, is less likely to bend and break than the handsaw or keyhole saw.

SCREWDRIVER or TURN-SCREW. Should be about a foot long or an inch less.

SCREWS are less likely to split wood than nails. They are bought by the dozen—or the gross—in all sizes.

TACK-RAISER looks like some sort of weeding instrument, is a two-pronged fork, curving upwards. It is used for pulling up carpets.

VICE. A good vice is essential for a carpenter.

WRENCH or SCREW SPANNER, familiar to those who have to undo nuts on motor-cars.



I HAVE put asterisks against the indispensable carpentry tools. There are many more I could mention, less essential, but more interesting.

If you visit an ironmonger's you will find every sort of variant of the simpler tools. Buy carefully, one at a time, and the best quality. Hide your purchase from the uninitiated.

Shai R.A.F. Man Promoted

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Publication on January 1 of the R.A.F. list of promotions contains the name of Kenneth Dudley Stanion.

Born in Shanghai, Stanion is promoted from Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader.

Rear Admiral Holt Promoted

LONDON, Dec. 30 (UP).—Rear Admiral Vesey Holt, who defied the Japanese warning against navigating the Yantse and rescued the survivors of the U.S.S. Panay, has been promoted to Vice-Admiral.

Other Honours

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Naval honours published in the "London Gazette" contain the names of the following, decorated for services in the Sino-Japanese conflict:

Distinguished Service Cross to Lieut. Commander J. M. S. Cox and Surgeon Lieutenant V. J. R. Sheridan. Distinguished Service Medal to Petty Officers H. Pitt and T. Popley.

Japanese Proof For Journalists

PEIPING, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—A message from Peiping states that in order to refute the alleged Chinese propaganda claims, Japanese military authorities flew foreign correspondents to Peiping, where they spent 12 hours interviewing local Japanese military authorities.

They returned to-day and reported that Peiping is untouched by fighting. It is now all quiet, although small Chinese forces succeeded in forcing entry at one stage of the fighting.

In the main fighting, the Chinese force was subsequently beaten off with severe losses due to aerial bombing, and the Chinese are now in full retreat.

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FIRST MEAL (CHILDREN'S LUNCH)

1. The veal and calf's foot should be cut up small.
2. Dice the pork or bacon. Left-over cooked bacon may be used provided it is not sliced too thin.
3. Slice the carrots and onions.

SECOND MEAL (HOT DINNER)

Take the saucepan in which the remains of the dish are kept, and gently bring it to the boil. Serve with hot jacket potatoes, or beetroot and celery salad, or both.

THIRD MEAL (COLD DINNER)

When the hot dinner is over, pour the contents of the saucepan into a shallow mould and leave this in a cool place to set. Turn out on a dish, and serve with hot jacket potatoes, or beetroot and celery salad, or both.



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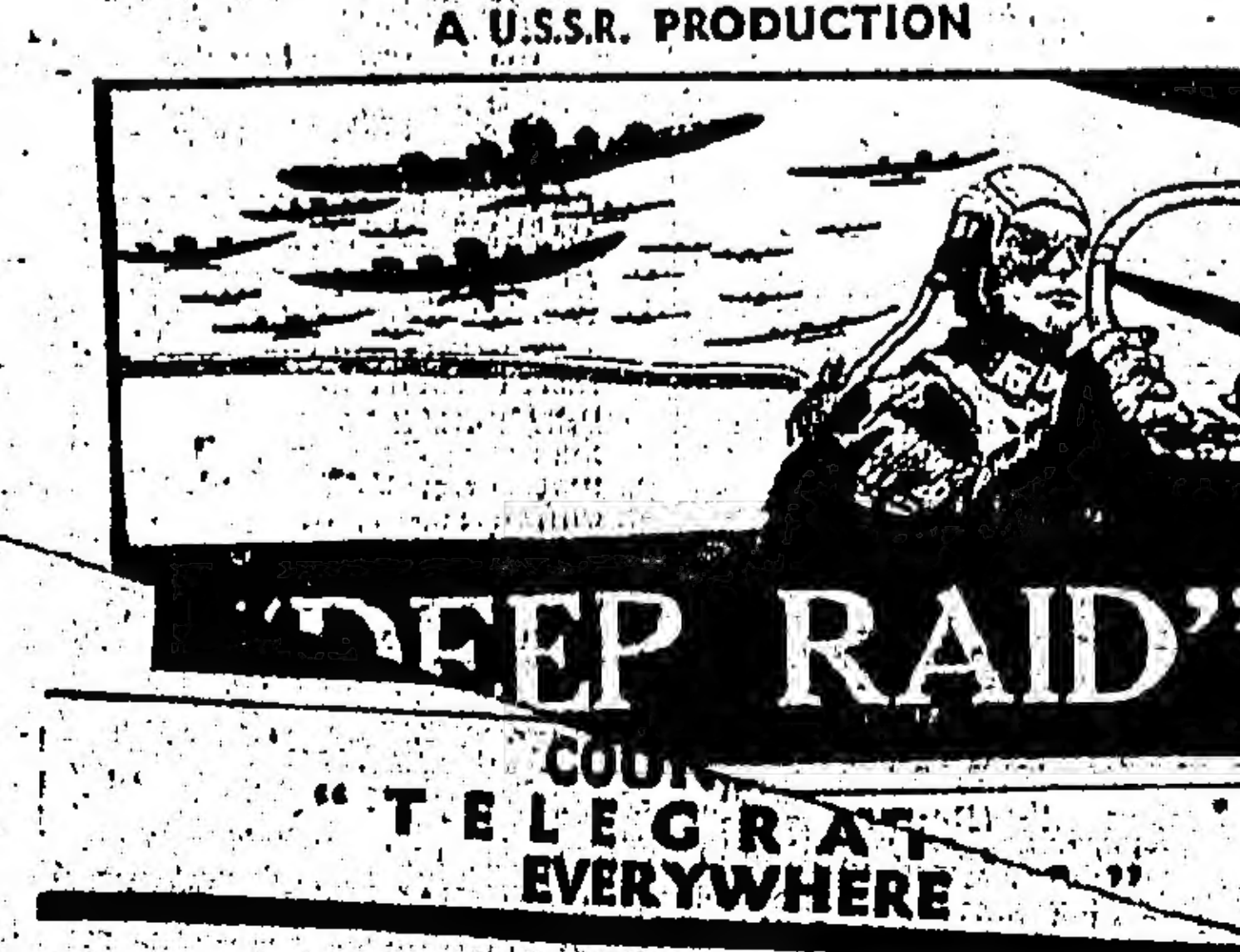
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"Moral Crusade" Against Aggression ALLIES MAY BREAK WITH RED RUSSIA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 1 (UP).—The possibility of a break in British and French relations with Moscow is seen in the intimation of a "moral crusade" against Russia which is now occupying the attention of diplomatic circles here, bringing to a climax a series of developments which have revealed increasing Franco-British coldness towards the Soviet.

Firstly, the British Ambassador's wife, Lady Seeds, will leave Moscow probably tomorrow "on leave."

Secondly, the Ambassador's arrival in London is also expected, incident with the Foreign Office preparations to publish a White Paper revealing the inside story of the vain Franco-British negotiations to conclude a pact with Russia.

Thirdly, Sir Hubert Gough, Commander of the 24th Army in the World War, has published a call to Britain to lead a European moral crusade against Russia and urging Britain to "stand boldly up to Russia" and also ridiculing the threat of a Soviet invasion of Iraq or India. Diplomats here believe these developments to be significant because of the Russian invasion of Finland, the Scandinavian countries' fear, the possibility of Soviet influence spreading to the Balkans and the neutral powers' opposition when they rallied against Moscow in connection with Russia's expulsion from the League of Nations.

The decision regarding what documents may be included in the White Paper may also decide the fate of British relations with Russia because the Paper may either be an innocuous collection of documents or an implicit, if not outright, condemnation of the Soviet policy.

Uruguay Interns Nazi Ship with Spee's Crew

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The German tanker, Tacoma, has been interned together with the Graf Spee crew aboard.

Shortly before noon, representatives of the government boarded the Tacoma as she lay in the outer harbour and signed legal bonds under which she will be detained in Uruguayan waters for the duration of the war.

A guard of 20 sailors was placed aboard to prevent any attempt at evasion.

Uruguay's action was taken on the ground that the Tacoma intervened in the Graf Spee affair as an auxiliary unit of the German Navy.

Rated As Belligerent

It is thought that Hitler may have decided against scuttling because this would have lent support to the Uruguayan contention that the Tacoma is a belligerent.

This contention is vigorously contested by the Germans.

Scuttling would also have caused trade complications as the Tacoma carries a considerable cargo of refrigerated fruit belonging to exporters on the Pacific coast of the United States.

Another theory is that the captain had hoped to make for Buenos Aires where, it is believed, he might have escaped internment; but on sighting a British warship, he decided that the plan was impracticable.

Exchange Nazi Salute

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 31 (UP).—The German freighter Tacoma to-day left her berth and anchored in the outer harbour under orders from the Uruguayan Government to leave

territorial waters before 6.30 a.m. Monday.

She weighed anchor at 4.30 p.m. and dropped anchor at 5.40 p.m. in the outer harbour after passing the German steamer Lahn. The crews of the two vessels exchanged the Nazi salute while watching crowds gathered on the waterfront.

The Uruguayan Foreign Office announced that the captain of the Tacoma, Hans Kanow, made a formal protest when he was informed of the Government's decree ordering him to leave. The announcement said the decree had been signed after a night long conference.

The Tacoma entered Montevideo on November 22 accompanied by the Lahn after they had run the blockade around Cape Horn.

The Tacoma aided in the shifting of the crew of the Graf Spee to tugboats causing the Uruguayan Government to decide that the Tacoma is "an auxiliary vessel of the German Navy."

ANOTHER NAZI LIE NAILED

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The German news agency claims that the British patrol ship, Agathe, was sunk on December 29 by a German submarine.

No Such Ship!

On enquiry at the British Admiralty, it was learnt that no British naval ship was sunk on December 29 and that there is no ship named Agathe in the British Navy.

LATE NEWS

HITLER TO GO?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 2 (UP).—The Rame Correspondent of the "Petit Parisien" reports that internal changes are being prepared in Germany to convince the Allies that the Nazis are willing to make peace.

The programme includes:

1.—Hitler will resign the Chancellorship and will become President of the Reich, occupying the position held by Hindenburg before his death;

2.—Goering will become Chancellor;

3.—Nazi radicals will be "purged." This will apply especially to Himmler, Goebbels and Ley.

4.—The portfolio of Foreign Affairs will be given to a professional diplomat, probably to von Mackensen;

5.—Dr. Schacht will resume the Ministry of Economics;

6.—The programme of the new Government will be silent on imperialistic designs;

7.—Relations with Soviet Russia will be "relaxed";

8.—Germany will promise a limited recreation of Poland and Czechoslovakia under the arbitrage of a "well-known personage";

9.—Germany will renounce the autarkic system and will return to normal world economy.

According to the correspondent, Generals Dieckmann and Braackowitz are in agreement with the moderate Nazi leaders and are now sounding the moguls of Germany's heavy industry, who appear to be willing to agree to any internal solution which will prevent Germany from slipping further towards the Bolshevik economic system.

Japanese Planes Downed

KWEILIN, Jan. 2 (Central).—Eight Japanese planes were shot down by Chinese pursuits in one of the fiercest air battles ever fought over Kweilin in central Kwangsi on December 31.

Eighteen enemy machines of the 00-type staged an attack on the city. They were outmanoeuvred in a 15-minute spectacular dogfight and chased out of the city limits.

Yugo-Slav Quake

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—According to the German Radio, an earthquake today seriously damaged several buildings in Dubrovnik, in Yugoslavia. There were no casualties.

ANOTHER MAJOR DISASTER

ISTANBUL, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Following earthquakes and floods, the Turkish people to-day were hit by a third natural disaster.

Many Turkish ships are feared lost in terrific storms in the Black Sea. The small British-built Istanbul steamer, Turkan, is reported sunk with a crew of 20.

According to the latest reports, over 300 people lost their lives in the floods in north-west Anatolia.

Floods are now reported from the Amassia area earthquake zones. Rivers swollen by torrential rains overflowed and swept away bridges and wrecked almost every building in their path.

Hundreds of villages are marooned, and military engineers are building pontoons to rescue the villagers.

Many thousands of terror-stricken men, women and children are fleeing from the floods half-clothed and suffering from the bitter cold.

It is feared that the full extent of the havoc brought by the floods will not be known for several days when the rescue parties have managed to penetrate to all parts of the inundated regions.

Reds Mass in Asia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 1 (UP).—The "Messaggero's" correspondent at Cairo reports "for the past twenty days the Soviet is reported to be massing troops in the Caucasian Mountains."

According to the "Messaggero's" correspondent at Tehran the Soviet has massed 800,000 troops on the Afghan frontier.

It also reported that an Anglo-French expeditionary force of 300,000 strong, commanded by General Verand, is being organised to meet the Soviet menace.

The "Messaggero's" correspondent at Calcutta says a volunteer Indian Militia is being formed to enable Anglo-Indian regular troops to concentrate on the Khyber Pass.

British Aid for Finns

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Britain has formally notified the League of Nations that she is taking steps to help Finland.

Though there is no indication of the form the help will take, it is learned that no troops will be sent to Finland but only war material.

France is taking a similar step and the Allies are working in close co-operation.

President Kallio of Finland has issued a message in which he expressed gratitude for the Allied help. He said: "During the next few days the Reds will make the acquaintance of volunteers from abroad, who have the same love of liberty as ourselves."

Liner Escapes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—The wireless announced from Berlin that the 6,000-ton Hamburg America Line ship, St. Louis, which was at New York when war broke out, has arrived safely at Hamburg.

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PARIS, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—According to well-informed sources here, M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, is planning a conference of the four Balkan states at Belgrade this month.

Ice Stops Reich Food Supplies

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter).—Many German ships carrying cargoes of foodstuffs and Rumanian oil to Germany are held up in Hungarian harbours, according to a Budapest report quoted by French Radio.

Navigation on the Danube has stopped owing to ice.

SNOWFALLS ON WEST FRONT

PARIS, Jan. 1 (Reuter).—Heavy snow on the western front caused even the patrols to cease activity during the night.

Aeroplanes on both sides remained grounded.

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